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HOUSE BILL 562

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF
ELIGIBILITY FOR FOOD STAMPS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 7, Article 1 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY
REQUIRED.--The department shall include a notice with an income
tax refund or other notice sent to a taxpayer whose income is
within one hundred thirty percent of federal poverty guidelines
as defined by the United States census bureau that the taxpayer
may be eligible for food stamps. Included in the notice shall
be general information about food stamps, such as where to
apply for food stamps, based on information received by the
department from the human services department by January 30 of

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1 each calendar year."

2 Section 2. Section 27-2-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
3 Chapter 376, Section 14) is amended to read:

4 "27-2-10. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.--The income support
5 division of the human services department:

6 A. is authorized to establish a food stamp program
7 to carry out the federal Food Stamp Act, as may be amended from
8 time to time, and regulations issued pursuant [~~thereto~~] to that
9 act, subject to the continuation of the federal food stamp
10 program and the availability of federal funds; and

11 B. shall by January 30 of each calendar year notify
12 the taxation and revenue department of the location of food
13 stamp offices in New Mexico for inclusion in a notice sent with
14 an income tax refund or other notice to a taxpayer whose income
15 is within one hundred thirty percent of federal poverty
16 guidelines."